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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-171089 published July 11, 1995 corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,830,121 dated November 3, 1998 issued to Enomoto et al. (previously cited in IDS filed April 7, 2004; and

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2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-183547 published June 28, 2002 corresponding to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0095348 A1 published July 18, 2002 to Hiroshige et al.

The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated December 3, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicant is submitting copies of the above references required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) and (ii). Please note that the other two references cited in the Office Action, namely, Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-46326 published February 20, 2001 was previously cited in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated October 24, 2003 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-126124 published May 9, 2000, was previously cited in applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated October 17, 2008. The references are described in the Official Action.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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